

God's At Work Even When We Don't See It: An Exposition

of Ruth and Esther #9

I Hate You - - - I Hate All of You - - - All of You Must Die!
Esther 3:1-15

I. A Death Warrant 3:1-15

- A.** Career advancement VS 1
- B.** Stubborn refusal VS 2-4
- C.** An opportunity to get them all VS 5-7
- D.** A silver-tongued orator VS 8-11
 - They are everywhere
 - They are different
 - They disobey the King
- E.** An order goes out to destroy the Jews VS 12-14
- F.** Fiddling while Susa burns VS 15

II. Issues

- A.** The arrogance of Haman
- B.** 900 years of hatred
 - Out of Egypt
 - King Saul – same family as Mordecai
 - Family feud
 - All behind the scene
- C.** The “lot” – God’s control – Proverbs 16:33
- D.** God’s people are always a threat to human authority in every century
 - Israel
 - Church

III. Thoughts

- A.** The ideas that lead to Genocide
 - An event
 - A poor explanation of the event that is one sided
 - Passed on from parents to children
 - A hatred grows into racism
 - Racism grows into plans for genocide
 - A human explanation
- B.** A spiritual battle
 - Satan VS God
 - Worked out on God’s people
 - Israel and the Church
 - Just being part of God’s people sometimes makes life difficult
- C.** Leadership that cares more about itself than the people they are serving always upsets the apple cart.
- D.** The Lord’s Supper – an example of another kind of leadership – one that serves